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In The God's Arms
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There are no small number of rumors about him flying around.

Like how his mother was a high-society prostitute

...or how his biological father committed suicide with a young man not 20 years of age.

A few days ago, my roommate suddenly decided to change rooms

My new roommate... is Roger Brouwer.

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ARE YOU...GAY?
I'm well aware it was hardly an appropriate question
Maybe it was because this person I was about to speak to for the first time was someone who sold their body for money (and to men, to boot!), but without so much as a greeting, I said--
ONLY WHEN NECESSARY
smirk

GIVEN THAT YOU'VE HEARD THE RUMORS, THIS SHOULD BE A QUICK CONVERSATION
Everyone calls me 'Reno'
I'M RENOLD
OH--SORRY. I HAVEN'T EVEN INTRODUCED MYSELF, HAVE I?
grip
NICE TO MEET YOU
I'M ROGER
I'D LIKE YOU TO LEND ME USE OF THE ROOM FOR THREE HOURS OR SO TWO OR THREE DAYS A WEEK
IF YOU COULD PLEASE FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO KILL TIME DURING THAT PERIOD THEN
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO HERE THEN?

What's with me?
I actually feel pretty disappointed.
NO WAY AM I GONNA ALLOW STRANGERS TO HAVE SEX IN MY OWN ROOM.
I'M GOING TO SLEEP
WITH MEN WHO BUY ME
HERE
And the reason I'm disappointed is
YOU'RE ALREADY INCONVENIENCING MY BY ASKING ME TO LOAN YOU THE ROOM IN THE FIRST PLACE YOU KNOW
I SWEAR I'LL WORK TO MAKE SURE YOU AREN'T INCONVENIENCED
IT'S ALL RIGHT-- WE WON'T USE YOUR BED AND I'LL BE SURE TO AIR OUT THE ROOM, TOO

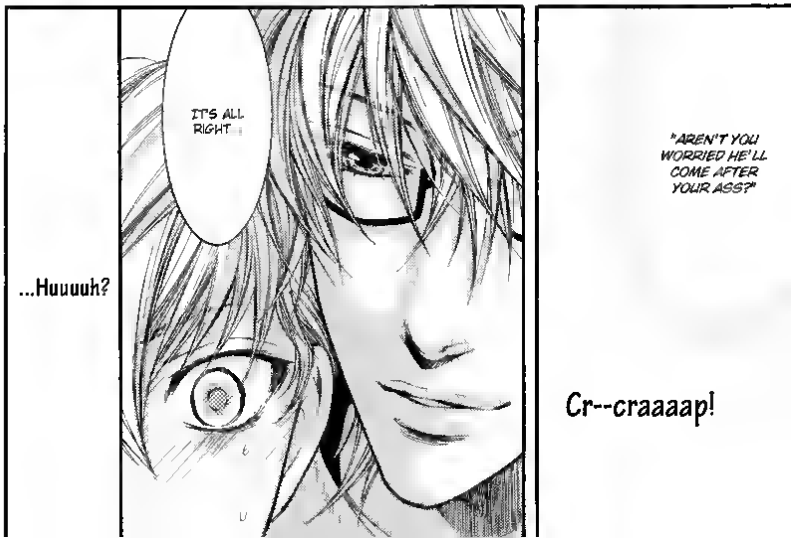
irritated
AS IF I COULD ACCEPT THAT MONEY!
COME NOW-- IF IT BOTHERS YOU SO MUCH THEN JUST DONATE IT TO A CHARITY.
FWUMP
...because he speaks of these graphic things with such a friendly face.
I'LL BE SURE TO PAY YOU FOR THE USE OF THE ROOM.
FOUR FOR ME ONE FOR YOU.
OR...
IF YOU'RE REALLY SO OPPOSED TO IT, THEN

MAYBE... I SHOULD FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE AFTER ALL...
.....
What the hell? Now he's making me out to be the bad guy here...
AH!
REALLY?
THANK GOOD-NESS!
I'LL GIVE YOU TWO WEEKS TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE IT WORK.
Just for the time being!
GUESS THERE'S NO HELP-ING IT!
Dammit!

G'MORNING, RENO!
MORNING.
clatter
SO HOW'S YOUR NEW PAL WORKING OUT?
MMM, NOT MUCH TO SAY JUST YET
HE HASN'T SERVICED ANYONE YET, AFTER ALL
BUT HE'S THAT CASANOVA CHARACTER, RIGHT?
HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY LOW-KEY
AREN'T YOU WORRIED HE'LL COME AFTER YOUR ASS?
!!!
drop

I TOTALLY FORGOT!

NO WAY!
BUT YOU'RE TREMBLING
slip
slide
settle


...Huuuuh?
IT'S ALL RIGHT
"AREN'T YOU WORRIED HE'LL COME AFTER YOUR ASS?"
Cr--craaaap!

I'M NOT GOING TO JUMP YOU OR ANY-THING...
...SO DON'T WORRY, OKAY?
BECAUSE I'VE DECIDED NEVER TO SLEEP WITH MY ROOMMATES
AND HOW DO I KNOW THAT?!
This guy...he KNEW and he still made me go through all this...!
D--don't tell me that kind of thing...
PLUS... MY CLIENTS GET JEALOUS AND IT'S JUST ALL-AROUND TROU-BLESOME
BADUMP
I LET ONE OF THEM DO ME BEFORE AFTER HE BEGGED ME TO LET HIM, JUST ONCE
BUT THEN THINGS GOT COMPLI-CATED...
I LEARNED MY LESSON THE HARD WAY THEN

THE ONLY TIME I'LL EVER SLEEP WITH YOU
IS WHEN YOU PAY ME TO DO SO AFTER WHICH I'LL LEAVE THIS ROOM
LIKE HELL THAT'LL HAPPEN!
I don't... really agree with everything he said, but I'm pretty sure my ass is safe for now...
AH!
I'm gonna borrow your dictionary!
WELL! GLAD TO HAVE THAT PROBLEM ALL TIDIED UP!
Phew!
BADUMP
BADUMP
SO THAT'S WHAT I MEAN WHEN I SAY IT'S ALL RIGHT...

SO THAT MEANS--EVEN IF YOU FALL FOR ME...
...YOU WON'T JUMP ME, RIGHT?
HEY-- WAIT, WAIT!
ROGER!
...SOMEONE'S CONFIDENT...
blush

irritated
GOD HE PISSES ME OFF..!!
G--
lean
SORRY IT'S SHORT NOTICE.. BUT I NEED YOU TO LET ME USE THE ROOM NOW
HEY, RENO?
THE ROOM...?
HMM?

SORRY--
THANKS
A--ALL
RIGHT I'LL
GET MY THINGS
TOGETHER
HE'S GOT A
CLIENT WAITING!
...OH!
Ah...
OPEN
Huh...?
Who's
that...?
THEN--I'LL
BE BACK IN
3 HOURS

step
WHA?!
hug
WHUMP
JOLT
PLEASE... LET ME INTO THE ROOM, QUICKLY!
mouthing
ENO... I'M SORRY.

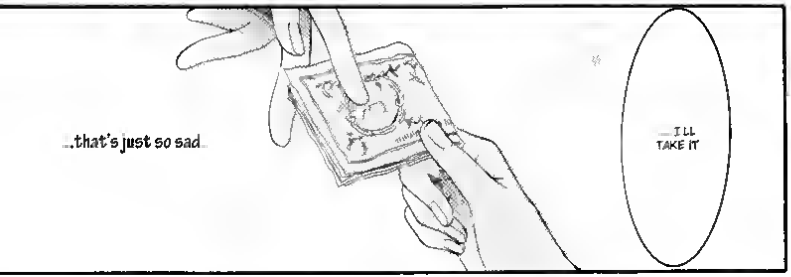
I MEAN I KNEW IT, BUT STILL...
silence...
worry
worry
SO RIGHT ABOUT NOW THIS TWO ARE PROBABLY...
Well...of course they are
So he wasn't lying...
when he said he sold his body...
Y--YOU IDIOT!
THAT'S VULGAR!
OR, WELL, Y'KNOW...
ACK!
SO I TAKE IT YOUR BEING HERE...
...MEANS YOUR FRIEND THERE IS GOIN AT IT, HUH?
BADUMP
rub rub
SHUT UUUUP!!
UGH!
GETTIN ALL TONGUE-TIED LIKE THAT... I CAN TELL JUST FROM LOOKING AT YOU THAT YOU WERE PICTURING IT IN YOUR MIND JUST NOW, RENO!
You little perv, you!

"I LET ONE OF THEM DO ME BEFORE AFTER HE BEGGED ME TO LET HIM, JUST ONCE—"
Oh yeah
SO...IS HE A TOP? OR A BOTTOM?
!?
I said that out loud?!
Guess that's a professional for ya!
OOH, SO HE'S GAME EITHER WAY, IS HE? WOOOOW
But _he'd do the same with that kind of partner_?
..taking his partner..
With that beautiful face of his..

UWAAAAH!!
..and being taken...!
OPEN
CREAK...
Peek
I... I'M BACK NOW...
whoooo...
flutter
flutter
WEL-COME BACK.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

IT'S... FINE
pass
HERE
THIS IS YOUR CUT
flip
flip
flip
SHUT
THE SMELL SHOULD BE GONE BY NOW
I'M GOING TO CLOSE THE WINDOW...
... I REALLY CAN'T TAKE IT
THAT'S MONEY YOU EARNED FAIR AND SQUARE
So many love bites blatantly displayed
That person... he must really love Roger...

To think the only way he can have your love is to buy it...
THEN...
IT'S YOUR FAIR SHARE!
HAHA! JUST THINK OF IT AS THE RENTAL FEE FOR THE ROOM.


...that's just so sad...
...I'LL TAKE IT

toss
swipe
SO YOU'RE FINALLY A FULL-FLEDGED RESIDENT OF THIS LOUNGE, HUH?
GIVEN THE MINT WE PAY IN TUITION EVERY YEAR, I'M GONNA USE THESE PUBLIC SPACES HOWEVER I SEE FIT.

YOU COULD SAY SO
I've lost track of how many times it's been now
Sigh
NOT THAT I EVER PLAN ON USING IT.
YEAH, BUT YOU'RE MAKING A FORTUNE OFF OF THAT GUY, AREN'T YA?
I'm crazy jealous!
OH WOULD YOU LOOK AT THE TIME! IT'S BEEN 3 HOURS!
I'm heading back now!
BALLPARK IT FOR ME
SO... JUST HOW MUCH IS YOUR CUT?
HUH...?
OPEN...
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY... CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT

CREAK
Ah...! ha
haa...
CREAK
Roger...
haa-
I HAVE TO LEAVE THE ROOM
AH!
Ah-!
step
Don't look...
Don't look...!!
"YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY..."
step
Stop...
BA-DUMP
They're... still...?

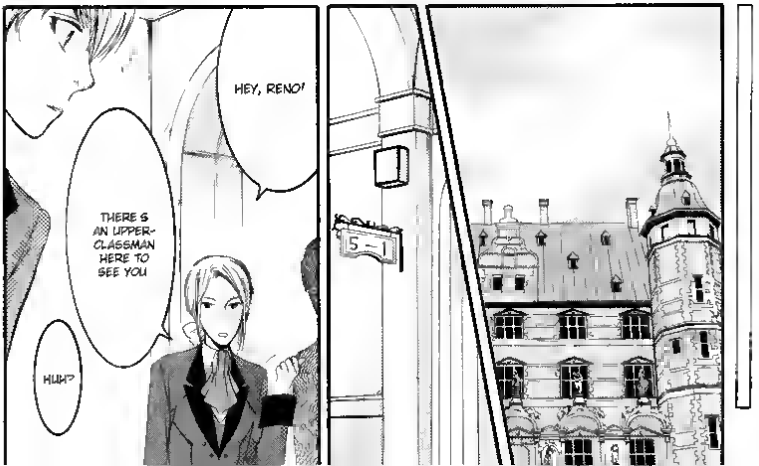
huff
There...!
THRUST
"CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT..."
huff
huff
...
I'M NOT... FINISHED YET...
CAN YOU WAIT OUTSIDE... JUST A LITTLE LONGER?
I--I'm sorry!
What am I apologizing for?
They're the ones who broke our agreement.

OPEN
SEE YOU AROUND
SHOCK
...it was my fault for looking!
SLAM
drop
But
press
YOU CAUGHT ME IN AN UNSEEMLY STATE....
!
jolt

SO NOW IT'S MY FAULT?
clench
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THAT.
PROBABLY DISGUSTED YOU, DIDN'T IT?
press...
SUCH A PITY...
I'D REALLY THOUGHT THINGS MIGHT WORK OUT WITH YOU...
...BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN LAST THE A-GREED-UPON 2-WEEK TRIAL PERIOD. HUH
NO--I SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGIZING!
I SHOULD'VE LEFT THE ROOM IMMEDIATELY!
That's not it...!
I JUST COULDN'T HELP BEING A LITTLE CURIOUS
But for some reason
I
THERE'S NO REASON WHATSOEVER FOR YOU TO LEAVE!
WHA...?

DON'T FALL FOR ME
when you
JOLT
For some reason, I
wanted to see how you look
DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH ME

Heh...
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
OF COURSE I'M GONNA FALL FOR YOU!
OF
That's right...
...YOU HAVE A POINT...
We're friends


HEY, RENO!
THERE'S AN UPPER-CLASSMAN HERE TO SEE YOU
HUH?
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That's Roger's...
SORRY TO CALL YOU OUT SO SUDDENLY
YOU MUST BE SURPRISED
AH, WELL KIND OF...
He's a 6th year...?
Crap, he's not... here to rough me up, is he?
I ACTUALLY... WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
I'M SURE YOU'RE WELL AWARE OF IT, BUT...
BUT AS HE IS NOW... HE REFUSES TO PLEDGE HIMSELF TO ANYONE
...I'M IN LOVE WITH ROGER

ON TOP OF EVERYTHING, HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME -- AND I'LL BE GRADUATING THIS YEAR
OUR ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS THAT THIS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THEN AND I'VE NO RIGHT TO ASK FOR MORE...
BUT... AS SUCH, I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF OUR BEING APART FOR EVEN ONE MOMENT
SO I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT PERSUADE YOU TO GIVE UP YOUR ROOM TO ME
...!!
BUT... ROGER SAYS HE NEVER SLEEPS WITH HIS ROOMMATES...
WHA...
grab
CAN YOU NOT CONVINCE HIM FOR ME, THEN?
IF IT'S A MATTER OF FINANCES--THEN I'LL PAY WHATEVER YOU DEMAND! PLEASE!
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT FOR US!

ALWAYS TRYING TO SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS WITH MONEY...!
DON'T YOU FEEL PATHETIC LIKE THAT?!
CUT IT OUT!!
Slap
Why am I getting so angry...?
...THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY THE MAN YOU LOVE TO SLEEP WITH YOU?!
DON'T YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED...
Why don't I just change rooms with him...?
IT'S NOT AS IF I HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE
MONEY IS EVERYTHING TO HIM.
drop
YOU'LL SEE THAT SOON ENOUGH
YOU'LL SEE... THAT EVEN IF YOU FALL FOR HIM...

...YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE EMPTINESS OF KNOWING YOU CAN ONLY SET HIM FREE WITH MONEY.
BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS!
No way I'd ever...
There's no way!
...ever fall in love with another guy!
"DON'T FALL FOR ME"
THAT WON'T HAPPEN!

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